Vol-I already presented to Parliament. The structure of expenditure of Government and the measures taken to control expenditure have been indicated in the Budget Speech of Finance Minister.

Investigations against Concord International

2414. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 793 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Director of Enforcement have since completed the investigation into the alleged receipt of commission by Concord International from Sumitomo Corporation;

(b) whether the Japanese company, Sumitomo Corporation and Mr. Vinod Khanna's Concord International will be black-listed for such offences which go against laws of this country; and

(c) what are the other activities and product lines of Concord International which are connected with ONGC and whether M/s. Concord International is still involved in the business with the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income due to enhancement of service charges by banks

2415. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the additional income of all nationalised banks due to enhancement of service charges of clearing up cheques and drafts; and

(b) in what way and where this additional income is likely to be utilised by the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) According to Reserve Bank of India, the system of reporting by public sector banks does not generate separate information about the additional income accruing due to exhancement of service charges of clearing up cheques and drafts.

(b) The additional income accruing to banks on account of increase in service charges would partially cover the cost of services rendered by them.

Income tax defaulters

2416. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax defaulters in the country amounting to more than rupees one lakh till March, 1988;

(b) the steps, if any being taken against these defaulters; and

(c) what is the amount recovered till December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Information relating to assessees all over the country in whose case income-tax demand of Rs. One lakh or more was outstanding till March, 1988, is not available. However, the number of assessees who owed income-tax of more than Rs. 10 lakhs as on 31st March, 1988 is 3712.

(b) The steps taken to realise the income-tax from defaulters include levy of penalty, issue of garnishee

orders u/s 226(3) to direct the third parties to pay up amounts due from them to the defaulters, issue of recovery certificates which enable the Tax Recevoery Officers to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets. Since a large part of arrear demand is locked up in appeals and settlement/waiver petitions, appellate authorities are requested to dspose of appeals expeditiously in the case involving high demands and steps are taken to dispose of the settlement/waiver petitions also promptly. In suitable cases assessees are allowed to pay taxes in instalments. Administratively action plan targets have been fixed for reduction of arrears and the progress is being monitored by senior officers of the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above.

(c) The amount involved in the 3712 cases referred to at (a) above was Rs. 2502.41 crores. Out of this, demand of Rs. 1766.97 crores was disputed in appeals or recovery thereof had been stayed by courts and other authorities. The total amount collected/reduced till 31st December, 1988 is Rs. 678.39 crores.

External Assistance for Projects in Assam

2417. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government had sought any external aid for implementing development programmes in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects under implementation in Assam with external aid; and

(c) whether any project was started in Assam with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The details of projects in Assam for which external assistance has been committed during the last three years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Date of agreement	Donor agency	Amount US $ million	Remarks
1	Third National Agriculture Extension project (NAEP-III)	29-6-1987	International Development Association	85.00	This is a multi-State project. The participating States are Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam.
2	Third National Seeds Project.	22-12-1988	Do.	150.00	A multi-State project with the participation of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Export of Granite Slabs

2418. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which Granite Slabs or Tiles are exported; and

(b) the value/quantity of Granite Slabs exported to various countries, countrywise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Granite Slabs and Tiles are mainly